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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H.
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SUBJECT: **NOTIFICATION OF DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S USE OF DELEGATED
AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT AN AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT FROM THE
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH (CDPH) FOR PUBLIC HEALTH
AND PANDEMIC INFLUENZA PREPAREDNESS**

This is to inform you that I am exercising the delegated authority as approved by your Board on July 31, 2007, to accept a Letter from CDPH that amends Agreement No. EPO 06-60. This amendment reduces the original Pandemic Influenza Preparedness award for the period of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 by \$42,588, from \$460,265 to \$417,677.

On August 27, 2008, CDPH issued a letter which reported an overall \$2.54 million funding gap between the 2007 State Budget appropriation of \$4.96 million and the actual \$7.5 million state contractual allocation distributed to local health departments (LHD) by CDPH for pandemic influenza preparedness.

This mistaken allocation has caused CDPH to reduce allocations to LHDs throughout the state, and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health's (DPH) funding allocation for the July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 Pandemic Influenza Preparedness award has been reduced from \$460,265 to \$417,677. To mitigate this shortfall, DPH has identified costs that can be transferred to the Pandemic Influenza portion of the CDC grant to cover this expense.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the CDHS letter amending Agreement No. EPO 06-60 as to form.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know.

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c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
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